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Teacher-friendly "go-to" materials aligned to the Common Core State Standards

Connecticut Common Core Website   Launched in January 2014, this CSDE site is dedicated to identifying and showcasing valuable Common Core resources for all teachers. If you haven't already, take a look at the growing list of units, lessons, and assessments from around the country that have been reviewed and annotated for their alignment to the Common Core State Standards… and that's just the beginning. Scroll down to check out the teacher materials in the Resources section for great ideas, templates, tips to support all students and much, much more. (CTcorestandards.org) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

iConn Dashboard for the State Department of Education   Not enough time to find great sources for tomorrow's lesson? Access these online library resources for no charge. Many texts have Lexiles! (www.cslib.org) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

WebTools4U2Use   If you are looking to include more technology tools into meaningful student learning tasks, how do you choose the right one? This site introduces you to powerful tools that will meet your needs. (webtools4u2use) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

PowerUp Your Classroom   Use the PowerUp English Language Arts and Math resources to help students with disabilities and their classmates meet the College & Career Readiness Standards. This is only one of the many ways on this site to PowerUp your classroom! (PowerUp WHAT WORKS) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

FYI for Kids If you are looking for a collection of engaging, high-quality magazine articles designed to enhance the Common Core elementary classroom's reading repertoire, it only takes a moment to find them here. (textproject.org) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

Expeditionary Learning Appendix of Protocols and Resources for ELA CCSS Curriculum, Grades 3-8 Fill up your teacher bag with protocols and resources, including on-going assessment strategies to check for understanding and strategies for building academic vocabulary. **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

Part 1 of Inspiring Excellence Overview   Take 4 minutes to sit back and be awed. This is the first in a set of six videos that document an extended interdisciplinary study involving second grade students investigating the topic of snakes. The teacher and students masterfully weave research, fieldwork, artistic skill, and critique with Common Core literacy practices reading for and writing with evidence. (Expeditionary Learning) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

Mini-assessment for "Inaugural Address, 1801" by Thomas Jefferson   Are you looking for a quick assessment to inform instruction? This exemplary example includes six text-dependent questions, one constructed response writing prompt, and detailed explanatory information for teachers regarding alignment to the CCSS. While at this site, be sure to check out more of the valuable resources. (achievethecore.org) **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

Odell Education Developing Core Proficiencies Curriculum Resources   Free, ready-made unit plans on core proficiencies with unbelievable approaches, instructional sequences, handouts, tools and texts for developing independent mastery and creative critical thinking in students. Who could ask for anything more? The Developing Core Proficiencies Curriculum is an integrated set of English Language Arts/Literacy units spanning grades 6-12. **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

Inside Mathematics   Are you passionate about improving students' mathematics learning and performance? You will find innovative teaching methods and insights into student learning, tools for mathematics instruction, as well as video tours of the ideas and materials on the site. **CLICK HERE FOR RESOURCE**

Illuminations NCTM   What a find! A wealth of interactive tools for students makes this website worthwhile, and that's only one of the quality standards-based resources for teaching and learning mathematics you will find here. **CLICK FOR RESOURCE**

Try This in Your Math Classroom   Do you need a mini-assessment to use in your K-12 classroom to inform instruction, or to gain self-knowledge about assessing conceptual understanding? Then this click will be worth your while. (achievethecore.org) **CLICK FOR RESOURCE**

Classroom Assessments for Grades K-2   Do you need classroom mathematics assessments that include tasks and rubrics for all grade K-2 standards? It takes one click to find them here. (Hawaii DOE) **CLICK FOR RESOURCE**

Mathematics Assessment Project Classroom Challenges   Are you looking for formative assessment lessons that support implementing the CCSSM in your grades 6-12 mathematics classes? This site provides a wide range of choices. (map.mathshell.org) **CLICK FOR RESOURCE**